

## **INFORMATION PAPER**

**SUBJECT:** Convention for Safe Containers (CSC) Inspection Management Program

1. **PURPOSE:** To provide an overview of the CSC Inspection Management Program, why the program was developed, and what the program can do when used by organizations that own and use MILVANs and Tactical Expandable Shelters in their operations.

### **2. BACKGROUND:**

a. The International CSC was established to ensure safe movement of International Organization for Standardization (ISO) containers and shelters through international maritime channels. U.S. Public Law 95-208 implemented the CSC requirements for both commercial and the Department of Defense (DoD) owned containers. In April 1997, the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics took these requirements a step farther by signing DoD 4500.9-R-1, Management and Control of DoD Intermodal Containers, DOD 4500.9 Part VI dated June 2002 superseded this regulation. This regulation is mandatory for all U.S. Government agencies. Current inspection documentation is required to move a container within the Defense Transportation System (DTS), even if moving the container to an exercise site, i.e., Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC), National Training Center (NTC), Reserve Training site Medical (RTS-MED). JRTC, NTC, RTS-MED.

b. The Readiness State of the unit is partially based on the ability for rapid deployment. This is compromised when Medical units with LIN C13825; Container cargo reusable, LIN C84541; Container Assembly Refrigerated, LIN S01291; Shelter, 2:1; and LIN S01359; Shelter, 3:1 do not have their containers certified for shipment through the DTS. An expired certification means a non-deployable container.

c. In order to comply with this requirement, containers must be inspected, in accordance with the international safety standards, 5 years from the date of manufacture, every 30 months thereafter, and when repaired after major damage. DOD 4500.9 Part VI dated June 2002 and MIL-HDBK-138B dated 1 January 2002, are the governing documents. MIL-HDBK-138B contains information about the Deployable Medical Systems Tactical ISO Shelters and the ISO MILVANs. After a successful inspection, the container is certified and so indicated directly on the container's CSC Safety Certification Plate, in a manner that can be readily noted by an inspector (DD2282). Failure to comply with the above requirements can result in penalties of \$5,000, each day for each container that remains in service (Public Law 95-208- 13 December, 1977). Units may have personnel trained as inspectors or request inspection assistance from their local Directorate of Logistics or Regional Training Site - Medical (RTS-MED). The Defense Ammunition Center provides training courses for Intermodal Dry Cargo Container/CSC Reinspection. Point of contact is:

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3. **DISCUSSION:** The CSC Inspection Management Program is a computer application developed to assist Army medical unit personnel to manage the requirements imposed by DOD 4500.9 Part VI. The Force Development and Sustainment Directorate, USAMMA, distributes the application on a floppy disk together with instructions on its use. The application is programmed in Microsoft Access and can be installed on a computer in the unit. After all the data is entered, the application will automatically track the status of inspections for those containers and produce reports that provide alert messages as containers approach the date the current certification will expire. The alert messages are provided early enough so maintenance managers can plan the inspections so as not to interrupt unit operations. The reports can be used to advise commanders and staff of the on-going status of the container fleet.